

Annexation Methods and Procedures

ANNEXATION METHOD	PROCEDURE
Election RCW 35.13.015	The City passes a resolution identifying the annexation area and an election is held. Passage requires a simple majority
Election Petition RCW 35.13.020	A petition for an election is signed by a minimum of 20 percent of the voters who voted in the last election. The petition is certified by the County. A date is established for an election. A simple majority of the voters determines the outcome.
Direct Petition RCW 35.13.125	A notice of intent to annex petition is signed the owners of not less than 10 percent of the property values. The petition is submitted to the City. The City decides whether or not to pursue the annexation. If the City pursues, an annexation petition signed by the owners of 60 percent of the property value is necessary. The City holds a public hearing to consider the annexation request.
Unincorporated Islands RCW 35.13.182	This is available to cities planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) when unincorporated islands of residential property exist in the same County and the same Urban Growth Area (UGA) as the City. The island must be less than 100 acres and 80 percent of the boundary must be contiguous to the City. The City must pass a resolution describing the boundaries and must hold a public hearing. The decision is subject to a referendum.
Urban Growth Area Subject to Interlocal Agreement RCW 35.13.470	Cities or counties planning under GMA may initiate annexation of lands within the UGA's where at least 60 percent is contiguous to the City limits. The City and County negotiate an agreement, both adopt ordinances, and both conduct hearings. The action is subject to referendum.